BGS SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS REPORTS
SATURDAY 20th February

BADMINTON

1STS - BGS defeated by Xavier 15 sets (529 points) – 15 sets (534 points)

On Saturday the 20th of February, the Brighton 1st VIII Badminton went up to Alton Badminton Centre to play Xavier College as our 3rd last match of the season. After recovering from our loss from Carey in the last week, we were extremely committed to come back and get our 2nd win of the season. However, it did not go to plan as Xavier had approached the game with a new and improved team. Initially, both teams had started off with 2 wins apiece. Then our top four seeds came out on top leading the scores 5 games to 3. Unfortunately, this lead didn’t last very long as they came back winning 3 out of the 4 doubles games drawing it to 6 games per side. It came down to the points and by the slightest of margins, Xavier had won the game by 5 points. A disappointing performance by the boys but without doubt a huge lesson learnt for many of them. Best performances by Kevin Sun, Lachlan Foy, Di Di Wang Will Lam.

2NDS – BGS defeated by Caulfield 5 sets – 7 sets

BGS a had tightly fought match against Caulfield Grammar and only lost narrowly. Both teams featured players from their 1st teams which added an additional level of intrigue as those players had to adapt to using plastic, rather than feather, shuttles. Particularly strong performances came from Jeremy Tian, Sam Luo and Nick Scriven and further appreciation must be given to Michael Chang, Kai-Yee Hall and Simon, down from the Firsts, who only narrowly lost to their opponents, and Jeremy & Angelo Lin, who won our only doubles match. Our overall score improved greatly from last week and the team has, undeniably, gained confidence as we look forward to a possible victory in the near future!

4 RED – BGS defeated by Scotch 7 sets – 5 sets

9/10 A – BGS defeated GGS 8-4

On Saturday, 20th February, The Brighton Grammar 9/10 A traveled to Geelong to play Geelong Grammar. It was a very tough encounter but we never gave up. Kosta Arvanitakis, Feilong Yun, Hank Hua and David Li won their singles games. We won all doubles games. Best players for this week were Kosta Arvanitakis and Owen Lui.

9/10 B - BGS lost to Haileybury 4 sets – 8 sets

9/10 C Blue – BGS defeated Wesley 8 sets – 4 sets

CRICKET

1st – BGS 229 defeated Wesley 172

On Friday the BGS First XI team ventured out to Wesley for a two day match, in only the school’s second match out at the Glen Waverly campus in its history. After winning the toss, and with the ground looking in good condition, we elected to bat first in an attempt to change our past ways and control the match. After two early wickets however, it seemed as if our struggles with the bat would continue to haunt us, but following this initial hiccup we looked much more assured, led by a masterful display from Nathan Murphy and Tom Yorgey, who set about punishing any bowling that was wayward, culminating in a 96 run fourth wicket partnership. Jack Munnings also proved to be a stalwart at the top of the order, remaining resolute against the new ball. Upon his return to the team, Matt Harris proved invaluable in the middle order, and a fighting effort from debutant Ben Pryor and leg-spinner Paddy Inglis helped the team post a score of 229 midway through the first session on Saturday. This left Wesley to fight out an hour before lunch, with a very tight battle between bat and bowl, before Jonty Leadbeater made the breakthrough just before lunch. Following the break, with quick wickets to Nathan Murphy and Tom Yorgey, we looked to be in control, but an industrious partnership between the Wesley team made the match incredibly close. However, two invaluable wickets to Paddy Inglis, with one thanks to an indescribable diving catch from Murphy helped shift control back in our favour. At tea, we needed four wickets and Wesley 95 runs to win the match, and as such the game couldn’t be any closer. Poor bowling and attacking batting helped reduce the target by 30 runs, before crucial, strike bowling from Jackson Noske resulted the vital breakthrough, as well as an incredible direct hit run out two remove the two settled batsman. Fittingly, he bowled the final batsman to lead us to our first win of the season. Our performance over the two days was far more consistent and controlled compared to previous matches. This week we play the juggernaut of the competition, Xavier, in what will prove to be a great test for us, but is something we are very much looking forward to.
2NDS – BGS 145 defeated by Wesley 147

Back at the home of cricket, the 2nds were keen to continue their winning form against Wesley, after a strong showing in the previous game against MGS. Bowling first, Butler and Adams maintained tight lines and lengths and bought about an early wicket thanks to a fine catch from Fraser gregson in the slips. Gregson then followed up with another wicket of his own as Ned Murray claimed another great catch in the slips. Wickets fell steadily and our fielding was excellent with both Dec Adams and Fraser collecting direct hit run outs as Wesley began to fold, eventually being dismissed for 147 with wickets shared.

We started well with the bat; Matt Freeman showed his continued improvement in form hitting a fine 44 before being dismissed. This signalled a collapse and dispite efforts from Gregson (25) Larkworthy (23) and Macari (16) we fell in a heap and lost disappointly by two runs. We have had a strong season so to lose in this way was disappointing; the batters will be keen to atone for this as will be challenge against Xavier this Saturday – partnerships are the key to our improvement so we must aim for 3 x 50+ partnerships in order to build a winning score.

3RDS – BGS 3/146 defeated CGS 7/142

Sent out into the field the bowling was tight by co-captains Tommy Kenny and Liam Farrell followed by Tom Ashman and Luke Bottomley. As regular wickets fell, BGS were able to keep the run scoring under control.

Cometh Henry McDowell to bowl and to his delight was able to snare a wicket with his first delivery. Not to be outdone, Steve Alesi entered the bowling ranks with an over that involved a run out, a batsman caught at long off between 2 wides and a no ball – variation aplenty!

At the change of innings the squad focussed on the task in front of them. Luke Bottomley set the tone from the first ball – smashing it to the boundary. Not to be denied, fellow opener Tom Avdoulos smashed seven 4s and one 6 to compile 34* in very quick time. This set the standard for the incoming batsmen. Charlie Fry blasted 36* with three 6s and four 4s accompanied by Bryson Konoroth who hit a six and five boundaries compiling 34* both in very quick time.

The target was reached in 13.2 overs. Outstanding effort by the entire team, it was a game filled with fun and lot of highlights.

Bowling Highlights: Tommy Kenny 5 overs 1-14, Tom Ashman 3 overs 2-15, Steve Alesi 1 over 1-3


10A – BYE

9A BGS defeated Scotch 9/220 v 10/76

In a dominant performance the 9A’s rolled Scotch for 76 last Saturday. All bowlers were on song and our fielding continues to be a real asset to this team. High standards will drive this so we must continue to push hard to improve this aspect of our game. With the bat, it was very pleasing to see the boys developing partnerships and sharing the responsibility to chase down Scotch’s total; Charlie Moore and Greg Hick set the standard before Hick (50) and Louis Butler (70) took the game apart, eventually leading us to 9/220. It has been pleasing to see contributions from a number of boys over the season and when the boys return from their breal this must continue as it has been integral to our success so far this year.

LAWN BOWLS

It was mixed results at Burwood with the 1sts pouring the pressure on in the mid round only to go down 13-26 to a powerful opposition. It should be noted that the ‘power play’ again played a significant part in the score line as BGS drew to within 4 shots before losing the power play end by 8 shots. The team was severely weakened with the late withdraw of inspirational captain Alex Mastronanno.(general soreness). The team was rudderless, particularly at the change of ends when Alex’s role was to purchase the egg and bacon rolls for the team. So with hunger setting in the boys fatigued badly. So the team, despite playing some excellent bowls, now finds itself 1w-2L and needs to win its next two games to stay in contention. Well done to Alex Nicholas, Max Lohan and Ash Hoar for their fighting efforts.

With the return of captain Jackson Warne the 2nds had a great win over St Kevins 15-11. This leaves the team 2w-1L and 2nd on the ladder. Two more wins will see the boys into a Grand Final. Xavier Pym returned to some excellent form as he finally realised that you have to leave your bowl next to the jack. Harding, Beycher and Warne played steadying roles and with one end to play the boys found themselves 1 down. Pym to the rescue!! The 2nds 4 have proved to be an excellent team and rarely, if ever, put in a bad game. Only bad luck last week has cost them top spot. The boys are showing the benefit of a long a taxing preseason regime and have improved immensely in their tactical understanding. They have also learnt the value of keeping the ball on the grassy bit and not bowling into the gutter.
TENNIS

1st – BGS defeated by Wesley 9 sets – 7 sets

The 1st VIII had the pleasure of playing at the perfect plexicushion courts of Melbourne Park against Wesley College. The doubles played was of the finest quality; comparable to the standards set by stars who had graced these very courts last month. Most notable were the efforts of Skipper Naughton and Mr. Abbott, stylishly capturing their first victory as a duo in a classy display of tennis. At the end of the doubles rubber, we were tied 4-4 with Wesley. There was work to be done. Spirited singles victories by promising youngsters Ricky Dong, Darby Hipwell & Luke Sorenson, gave us a glimpse of hope, however, our morale soon diminished, being unable to get another singles victory under our belts. The day’s play resulted in a 7-9 loss. Nevertheless, we were proud of our endeavor and the opportunity to play at such a fine venue was most memorable.

2nd – BGS defeated Caulfield 7 sets – 5 sets

Last Saturday the BGS Seconds Team took on Caulfield Grammar in what was a very tight contest. Having lost two top four players, everybody had to play up and play opponents of a higher calibre than what they might have encountered in previous matches. After the completion of the doubles it was clear that it would be a tight morning being even on two sets each. The singles proved to also be extremely challenging, David Mirmilstein, played exceptionally well against a very high standard opponent who he defeated in a tie break to win 7-6. However, it came right down to the wire with BGS narrowly prevailing by two sets. Despite it being close as to who would win overall there were a number of comfortable singles wins including Nick Mennie and Arthur Xafis winning 6-0 and Mitch Hughes winning 6-1. Overall it was a great effort by the boys to get up against such a tough and persistent opponent and hopefully this form can be maintained for the rest of the season.

3rd – BGS defeated Carey

4th – BGS defeated by Wesley 8 sets – 4 sets

Having achieved a decisive victory against Wesley College in the previous week, the Fourths now had to face a tough opponent, St Kevin’s. There were many close sets throughout the morning with most teams losing by a close margin of 6-4. After an undesirable result in the doubles matches, we moved on to the singles games, where we experienced a greater amount of success winning four sets. Whilst we did not manage to win this weekend, the Fourths nonetheless showed an exceptional level of competitive spirit. Players such as James Barber, Daniel Aquilla, Matt Atcheson and Max Bowyer, particularly deserve honourable mentions, as they all won their epic singles matches.

5th – BGS defeated by Haileybury 9 sets – 3 sets

All the fifths’ tennis boys arrived on time and looked eager and ready for a fun and competitive match of tennis against Haileybury. There were many exciting and intense rallies played throughout the morning. Some of the highlights of the game were Sasha Parsons smashing his opponent in his singles game 6 – 0 and Zach Warren winning 6 – 4 in his singles match. Another highlight was Ben Cochrane and Sasha Parsons winning their doubles match 6 – 0. Even though in the end the score was in favour of Haileybury, the fifths still played a very good quality of tennis and were only narrowly defeated.

6th – BGS defeated by Xavier 7-5

On Saturday the 6ths went down to Xavier 5 sets 43 games to their 7 sets 51 games. Will Moore played a great singles match and defeated his opponent 6 games to one. Sam Tickner and Nic Carroll also won their singles matches in great style, fighting till the end. Marco Boshoff put in solid performance as well. Overall the boys tried hard but we were beaten by a better team.

10A – BGS defeated by Wesley 7 sets – 5 sets

10B – BGS lost to Wesley 2-10

The 10B’s played Wesley College this week in the third round of sport for the year. The team turned up on time and ready to play and hopefully pull off a win, after last week’s tight win of St Kevin’s College. Unfortunately, after a great start by Mario and Connor as the first doubles pair, winning 6-1, we were unable to secure any more wins, until Lachie May played his singles match. He won this in a tight tie-break and walked away with a much needed 6-5 win. Despite having a couple of hiccups finding the venue and so starting a little late, the quality of the games this week was much higher and everyone’s matches were tightly contested. Hopefully we will continue this form into next week’s match and will come away with a win.
10C RED – BGS defeated by CGS 8-4

On February 20 2016, the boys of the Brighton Grammar 10C Red tennis team played Caulfield Grammar at Brighton Secondary College. The day had a rocky start when most of the Caulfield team were absent at game time which delayed the game but when they arrived the games could begin. In doubles our first team lost in a close game which resulted in a win in a tiebreaker our second time won 6-0 against our opponents but the last two teams unfortunately fell short of winning, which lead to a draw in doubles which meant it we had to win the majority of the singles to come out victorious. Unfortunately, only two singles won out of the possible eight, at the end we were defeated four sets to their eight.

9B – BGS defeated by St Kevin’s 7 sets – 5 sets

It was BGS vs St. Kevin’s, our biggest rivals, at East Melbourne Tennis Centre. BGS lost, but we put up a good fight and lost by 2 sets as they won 7 and we won 5. Spencer and Jonty putting up some big shows in their singles as Spencer won 8-6 in a tie breaker and Jonty came through from a 4-1 down to a 6-5 victory in a 7-4 intense tie breaker. Casper and Gordon, being the only pair to win a doubles played well and Casper, went on to win his doubles, being the only person on our team to win both matches. Sam also won his singles, and a few other boys came close. In the end, the highlight of the day was when Tom Bartels decided to arrive 2 hours late as he got the times mixed up. Overall it was a good battle and they just got the win.

9D RED – BGS defeated by St.Kevin’s 9 sets to 3 sets

It was a great day for tennis, not too hot, not too cold, not too windy and not too early. We were up against St. Kevin’s for the second time in 3 weeks but it was a different team altogether. The team warmed up quickly and efficiently and was ready to play at 10:30 sharp. First up were the doubles with all tries and losses except for an extremely close match: 6-5 (going down to a tiebreaker!) with Liam O’Kane and Steve Suits. The singles weren’t up to scratch either, with even more losses except for Player of The Week - Jackson Catalano who “6-0”ed his opponent barely breaking a sweat. If we come up against St. Kevin’s again we will know that they’re a tough team and we need to exploit their weaknesses to win a match

9D BLUE - BGS defeated by St.Kevin’ s 2 sets – 10 sets

It was a nice morning to play and all was good but unfortunately the luck was not in our court. We lost all of our doubles games but won two single games. A standout performance from Devon Hendrie who had a great win over St Kevin’s number 1 winning 6-0 and also Josh Sum who won 6-4. Overall it wasn’t our best week having five 6-0 losses but everyone put in a great effort and we know what we can work on.

SWIMMING

On Saturday, the Tonners journeyed to St Kevin’s where we swam against both St Kevin’s and Geelong College. With the BGS pool being serviced, and the boys being a week without training we were a little rusty but still fought the good fight.

We started off the day strong with the butterfly relays, passing the Geelong teams and also giving the St Kevin’s teams a run for their sheer size. All the boys from all age groups gave it their all especially in the individual events. A special mention to Dane Obelt who took one for the team and toughed out 200m Individual medley on top of all his other events.

Through our efforts however, we unfortunately finished last at 264 points although not too far behind Geelong College on 300. With another week down, we are eagerly looking ahead, ready to improve on our times and be our best for the big APS night.

TOUCH RUGBY- BGS 1st VI 11 defeated Ivanhoe Grammar 0

BGS had a comfortable win over a gallant Ivanhoe outfit. The opening ten minutes of the game was a tight battle with both sides going close to score the opening try. BGS gradually found their rhythm and as their play became more structured they began to dominate possession. Man of the match Harrison Reynolds was prominent in most of the early scores, with his ability to ghost past defenders before passing to supporting teammates an impressive feature. Ivanhoe continued to struggle to defend against Brighton’s set plays and BGS added to their tally in the second half. Tom Burns’ comeback to the sport continues to gain momentum and he was to the fore in many of BGS’s best plays. Anton Derevianko, Lewis James and Sam Bradshaw-Maslen continue to evolve into key players and they were ably assisted by their teammates. Scorers for BGS were Henry Moir (5), Oscar Donald (2), Lewis James (1), Max Laumets (1), Tom Burns (1) and Sam Bradshaw-Maslen.